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Tokyo Mouse-Eater Accepts 257th Marriage Proposal

TOKYO — Mouse-eating ragpicker recluse Ichiro Akimoto is going to get married to the woman of his dreams after rejecting 256 applications.

But he is not going to force his bride to share his strange dietary habits. The "lucky" girl will eat food prepared separately from Akimoto's exclusive utensils and will be treated as the "Goddess" in appreciation of her part in "setting the Akimoto family in shape."

Akimoto, an eccentric sexagenarian who has been the talk of Tokyo's downtown Nihonbashi district, took to the mouse diet during the foodshort period immediately after the war, according to Tokyo Nichi Nichi. He found mice "tasty and nourishing" and has been living on the odd diet ever since. Usually, he eats a mouse for each meal. Three mice a day are "satisfying" for him.

Having saved the money which otherwise would have gone to the purchase of blackmarket rice, the ragpicker had amassed a tidy fortune by 1950 and had a handsome house built in Hamacho. Neighbors say that in addition to funds for the house, the mouse-eater saved a comfortable nest egg.

Established in his new home Akimoto began looking for a wife He had lost his wife and children in 1945 when his house was razed in one of the fire bomb raids.

Altogether 257 proposals were made but all but one fell short of meeting Akimoto's stiff qualicifations—a woman under 30 and capable of supporting herself by sewing.

The woman of his choice is one "Sumako-san", 26-year-old seamstress whom Akimoto describes as "pretty and ideal both in mind and body." They have been "going steady" for four months.

passing thru

By Ken Adachi

A Lady's Embrace

A chain-smoker of some repute that I am, I have often embarked on crusades, as racking as could be imaginable, on ridding myself of the clinging embrace of Lady Nicotine.

"This Is It", I'll mutter to myself each time, casting away the innocent looking butt of white paper filled with a few shreds of tobacco into the gutter, and meditatively watching it float away in the gutter. Lots of melodramatic punch.

I keep telling myself that I am giving up the noxious weed for health and economic reasons. That I'm going to feel better and brighter and that I'm finally going to get rid of that foggy feeling in the stomach. That I'm finally going to save some money. (The sum that I regularly give from day to day towards the support of the Exports Co. is quite staggering when I do think about it).

But with each cold grey dawn of horrible penance, I find that I'm not feeling appreciably healthier, on the contrary, only duller. There is a hollow ringing in the head, a shakiness in the legs. And then I also find that I have never saved anything from abstaining from smoking, chewing gum and peanuts taking the place of smoke.

Quitting smoking and then being unable to keep it up does a lot of irrevocable harm to a person's character. His feeling of bright-eyed determination with which he once so sternly renounced the Lady is shattered and he becomes a weak-spined man of little will power in the moment he creeps shamefacedly back. Something has gone that will never be quite recaptured, like a short-lived summer romance. He cannot look himself in the mirror without shouting "Idiot". It's hard to live with yourself then.

Moreover in the process of quitting smoking, one is apt to lose a lot of good friends. There is something saintly about quitting smoking, something that makes one feel like a martyr. You go preaching to all the world of your happy salvation and enlightenment and if you are persuasive enough, you can entice a few other unhappy souls to sit on the wagon with you.

The next step is to take a tambourine in one hand and pamphlets in the other and go shouting on street corners. You can start frightening people away when you begin to feel so righteous and holy and self-satisfied about the

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Chief Abbot Ohtani:

Wish To Express Gratitude Of Japanese

In what was the largest gathering of Canadian Buddhists since the war, Chief Abbot Kosho Ohtani of the Nishi Hongwanji of Kyoto, Japan, and spiritual leader of over seven million followers, conducted a two-hour long service and addressed over 700 of Toronto's 2,500 Buddhists who flocked into the Canadian Legion Hall on Oct. 26.

Abbot Ohtani had arrived in Toronto from a three-day visit in Montreal where he was greeted by Mayor Camillien Houde, met Archbishop Paul-Emile Leger, toured the city, and visited McGill University to attend a reception given by Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor, as well as conducting several services. There are about 500 Buddhists in Montreal.

The distinguished prelate who is the head of 10,698 temples and 22,147 priests, remained three days in Toronto before proceeding to Hamilton and Ottawa and then swinging to Western Canada. He is expected to meet Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Governor General Vincent Massey in Ottawa.

His reason for visiting Canada where there are estimated to be 10,000 Buddhists, Abbot Ohtani explained was that he was "desirous of expressing to the people of the Dominion, the gratitude of the people of Japan for the assistance they had shown to the Japanese since the late hostilities."

Both the Abbot and his wife, Lady Yoshiko, addressed the audience in Japanese, wearing ceremonial robes, the design of which has been unchanged for 2,500 years.

The Chief Abbot, in a pre-celebration of his coming 41st birthday on Nov. 4, was presented with a birthday present and a gift by the Toronto Buddhist Sunday School children. To the applause from the audience, the priest blew out the candles and cut the cake in a touching scene.

He was presented during the course of the afternoon with a painting by Fred D. Kondo, well known Issei artist, entitled, "Autumn In Ontario," while another member of his party, Rev. Joyu Miyasaki, was presented with Kazuo Nakamura's painting, "Farm Scene in Canada", in commemoration of their visit.

Abbot Ohtani was expected to have met Mayor Allan Lamport and to have placed a wreath at the cenotaph at Toronto's city hall on Oct. 27. Following a tour of the city on the same day, he conducted a confirmation ceremony, visited Niagara Falls on the following day, and returned to Toronto to conduct a special service in English.

Mother Fetes Children Before Taking Lives

TOKYO — Mrs. Yoshi Nakajima and her four children put on their best clothes last week and went on a picnic.

The children played on a grassy mound overlooking the Edo River in Tokyo. Then they ate lunch.

In mid-afternoon police found the bodies of the mother and the four children prone on the mound. Nearby was a bottle containing syrup and poison.

In Mrs. Nakajima's purse police found 50 yens, about 15 cents, and a dozen pawn tickets.

Police deduced that Mrs. Nakajima, separated from her husband and facing economic odds, had wanted her children to have a happy holiday before taking their lives—and her own.

Girl Walks Barefoot On Burning Embers

TOKYO — A 12-year-old girl last week walked barefoot over a nine-foot path of glowing embers in a display of religious devotion for the return of her father who disappeared following the Soviet Army's invasion of Manchuria in 1945.

Eiko Nagumo was one of 30 Japanese women who trod the fiery track of smoldering logs in Tokyo's Hibiya Park during Shinto services for the return of Japanese whose whereabouts are still unknown.

Some of the participants had their hair singed but none of them suffered burns.

WINNIPEG — The Manitoba JCCA is sponsoring an essay contest for Japanese Canadians between the 14-18 age group. A total of $50 in prizes is being offered, $25 for first, $15 for second, and $10 for third.

Four Hawaii Nisei Indicted as Reds

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court last week refused to stop the government from prosecuting seven alleged leaders of the Communist party in Hawaii, among them four Nisels, who charged they were indicted illegally.

The court refused to grant the seven a hearing on their petition for a writ of mandamus to block the Hawaiian proceedings.

The accused charged the indicting grand jury was composed of people who did not represent a "cross-section" of the community. As a result, they said they were subject to "class prejudice".

The four Niseis who were included in the group were Charles K. Fujimoto and his wife, Eileen, Jack D. Kimoto and Joji Ariyoshi. The FBI said they are all prominent Communist party officials.

A Second Interview With Mayhew

First Knew Japanese After Tokyo Earthquake

By JACK NAKAMOTO

When the assignment to interview the minister of fisheries, Hon. Robert W. Mayhew, arrived in the form of a terse telegram a spectre of fear gripped me. I had interviewed Mr. Mayhew once before, convincing myself then that it would be difficult to find a cabinet minister as easy to meet and talk to as he was.

But the butterflies were fluttering around wildly in my stomach. I was scared stiff!

As I approached the imposing Peace Tower forming the main entrance and the hub of the Parliament Building, I looked at the exquisite Gothic architecture of the building, with its East and West Blocks stretched out on each side of the Tower like two mighty arms. All about the gray building smacked of "dignity" and "government".

A member of the Corps of Commissionaries directed me to the elevator which took me up to the fourth floor. And, there it was—facing the elevator across the corridor, a heavy, panelled hardwood door with gold nameplates engraved, ROOM 488, and MINISTER OF FISHERIES, HON. R. W. MAYHEW.

When the male secretary led me to an inner private office, Mr. Mayhew who was sitting at a desk stood up smilingly to shake hands with me. He recalled having once been interviewed by me and started to offer me a cigarette, but I kindly declined it stating that I was a non-smoker. At this moment my feeling of apprehension began to subside, so I asked him how he felt about his new appointment. He replied that it was a great honour and a compliment to be appointed as the first Canadian ambassador to Japan.

Then he pulled out a handkerchief to blow his nose, saying that he had a cold. As compared with the last time I saw him—about 20 months ago, he seemed considerably older and a bit tired.

"I don't think we'll have specific policies toward Japan. I shall be receiving instructions and will be in consultation with the Prime Minister and other government officials when I return from the west. Within the few days I'm going back to my hometown, Victoria, B. C. to clear up my personal business and hope to return here by the 15th of next month—the date on which my appointment becomes effective," he said sneezingly.

"When do you expect to leave for Japan, sir?"

"I'm expected to leave in the early part of December," replied Mr. Mayhew.

The date of his appointment is also the day on which he will lose out by five days on an annual income of $2,520 for the rest of his life. He would have been eligible to draw this pension as a member of Parliament under legislation passed at the last session.

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baiting the bull

by t.m.k.

This is the time of the year when we are somewhat education-minded, Mr. Sitarr no less than the rest of us. If I hadn't discovered who and what M. Sitarr was, his last column would have been passed off with a shrug: The man's nuts. However, as a column by someone with a college education, that column was a shambles compounded of shallow reason and forced-analogy which limps badly. Have you ever seen blinders on a horse? Wonder if that's what M. Sitarr wears, because he doesn't seem to have much vision. Sad isn't it.

It is plain that M. Sitarr has some phobia against religion, but it is not clear why he chose to use as analogy a story for children that is itself not a very coherent one. Or perhaps the choice of such a story is all part of his own distemper. If he wanted to attack the yardstick of the religions (Basic principle) he should have whacked away at the railroad tracks, and explained why little Tootle, a train-engine-to-be at that, ought to be free to run off the tracks to smell flowers like Ferdinand the Bull.

Personally, I've never read the story about little Tootle (my taste running more to Pogo-types), but from what M. Sitarr relates, Tootle has a definite identity as an engine. The definition becomes even more specific: he's a train-engine, albeit a young one. I don't see that it matters whether he becomes a streamliner or a freight-puller, because these are governed by quality and polish. The point is, Tootle is a train engine, inasmuch as to say that children are people. As a train engine, Tootle is limited to being one, just as children are limited to being people; that is to say, Tootle isn't a butterfly, and children aren't trains; therefore, Tootle has to act like a train engine the way children have to act like people. M. Sitarr doesn't say what moral this Gertrude Crampton is selling, but I would take a guess and say that Tootle was trying to be a butterfly when he ought to be a train engine, [illegible] his identity mixed, you might say.

Well, M. Sitarr has his [illegible] logy mixed also.

According to his [illegible] adults force our poor kids [illegible] pattern from which the[illegible] escape, and after killing off [illegible] high spirits (spontaneity?) [illegible] give them a prize for being [illegible] tims to our authority. We want all these kids to be a part of the most lucrative, the most dominant, the top-level group, and if they don't get there they don't get the reward.

Rubbish. From what I've seen of kids, the more anyone tries to fit them into such a pattern the more skittish they get and they wind up being what they want to be anyway. If spontaneity means "without restraint", or "constraint", we-ell, some kids have so darned much they have to be turned off to save themselves and the suffering neighbourhood; in short their spontaneity ought to be controlled into channels like rugby, and being cheerleaders, or maybe the community clown, as well as into the more appreciated roles of entertainer, politician and volunteer firemen, etc. whichever one suits them best.

Oh I grant you some kids grow up into terrible introverts; they can see only themselves and consequently, measure the rest of the world by their own incapacities. And for each one of these psychotics some adult may have been to blame, but by everything that's sensible, I wouldn't go blaming religions if such are based on universal truths which can be interpreted down to our level of comprehension as plain good sense.

As for this "reality testing" business: Does M. Sitarr think kids don't test everything they're told? Who hasn't known the child with burnt fingers? He just wanted to prove the stove was really hot, even when his mother tried to get him to accept that fact on faith. Take the kids at school: they try to see if two and two won't make five, but they always lose out on that deal for not taking the teachers' word for it. Now I can see M. Sitarr prick up his ears and ask: How do you know two and two make four anyway? Well, if he makes five or three out of it, no wonder he can't make sense about the evidence of his own eyes. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if he didn't know he is existing. Maybe he isn't, eh? These symbols we call "words" are only the arbitrary means by which we humans express what we know, and what we would [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] true, I [illegible] any child who drank a bottle of poison after being told to accept on faith it would kill them if they drank it. But the newspapers report that some children, even grown-ups, do that.

However, M. Sitarr might understand these truths on this level of our five senses. I suspect he gets lost on the higher levels of spiritual truths. These are over and beyond our external senses, for they are understood on the intellectual level by even the illiterate who has never heard of philosophy. Even M. Sitarr takes a few of these truths for granted, though he doesn't seem to know it. He's been trying to illustrate the fact that wrong cannot be right, but he has the most confused understanding of the basic principle therein and the application thereof. Look at how he gets people mixed up with creeds and dogmas! Tsk! tsk!

Man alive, if M. Sitarr can't understand, he'd better unlearn everything he's had and start from scratch to learn how to think on constructive principles. He has learned [illegible] for granted this intel[illegible] [illegible] is a spiritual [illegible] [illegible] ed by the way M. Sitarr told it?

Knew Japanese After Tokyo Earthquake

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At the last session of Parliament, legislation was adopted to provide annual pensions for long-service members up to a maximum of $3,000 per year. The act does not come into force, however, until the first day of the next session, which is November 20.

First elected to the Commons in 1937, the new ambassador has served the 17 sessions required to draw the full pension. On the first day of the next session, if still a member, he could have elected to pay in the required amount to cover contributions over the period and made himself eligible for the full pension whenever he retired from the House.

Since Mr. Mayhew became 72 three days before, that is, on Thanksgiving Day, the $3,000 per year pension would have been reduced automatically by the amount of the old age pension, giving him $2,500 per year.

The cabinet minister related that he had his first dealings with the Japanese after the great Tokyo earthquake in September, 1923, when he sold building materials to them. A wealthy manufacturer, Mr. Mayhew was born and raised in Renfrew, Ontario, and went west to engage first in pulp and paper business and later founded a roofing and building material business in Victoria.

"I believe the Japanese people are now sincere and will go a long way toward peace," he said, coughing a little.

To look for a picture album, Mr. Mayhew went to the outer office momentarily. In the meantime, I surveyed the room. It was oblong in shape, with hardwood panellings forming the walls, scattered with several chairs and a bench, all of which might have been used for a small, private conference. With only one medium window, the office was sombre and simple; there was nothing modern or even tasteful about it.

Consequently, my mind began to associate the stark simplicity of the room with the plain fact that a cabinet minister is still a servant of the Canadian taxpayers. It was rightly so that his office should be kept in line with his obligations to the people.

Mr. Mayhew proudly spread open the album which was about 4 inches thick and leafed through it quickly to show me only those pictures he thought would be interesting to me. The pictures, glossy 8" x 10" photos were of those provided by the press.

There were several photos of the occasion when he went to Korea to inspect the Canadian troops in action. It was during his attendance of the North Pacific Fisheries Conference held in Japan last winter that he paid a 5-day visit to the Korean theatre of war. He donned a battle dress, went up to the front lines amidst flying bullets and exploding shells and narrowly escaped being killed or wounded.

"I remember reading an editorial in an Ottawa paper praising you when you risked your life to go and see our boys up front."

"When I went to the front the enemies gave me a royal salute," Mr. Mayhew joked.

As he continued to flip the pages of the album, I immediately spotted a picture in which Mr. Kaizo Tsuyuki barely appeared, with a quarter of his body unphotographed. A Japanese Canadian Issei who had at one time shown Japanese movies on the west coast and sparetime correspondent for The New Canadian in Japan, Mr. Tsuyuki visited Canada in February, 1951, representing a fruit growers' association and brought gifts from the Japanese fishermen to Mr. Mayhew.

Also pictured at Odawara fishermen's co-operative cannery with Mr. Mayhew were two Japanese fishermen who had given him two bamboo fishing poles, books on fly-casting and an embroidered silk-piece. The gifts had been the result of Mr. Mayhew's previous trip to Japan in January, 1950, when he went as a member of Hon. Lester Pearson's diplomatic mission to Ceylon and Australia in connection with the Colombo Plan.

"Have you had an opportunity to use those bamboo fishing poles?" I asked.

"Oh yes, but I'm afraid it was only once. I wish I've had more opportunities to use them though. I've used the shorter pole and caught several beautiful trouts with it. And I'm afraid I haven't kept the longer one in good shape, for it was too dry at the fur[illegible]. You have to keep it moist [illegible]," the cabinet minister explained. The fish were caught at Shawnigan Lake, B.C.

Mr. Mayhew's favorite sport [illegible] fishing and playing golf.

"I hardly have time to pursue any sport, but I shall nevertheless take [illegible] good things to Japan," he said.

There was a photo in which Mr. Mayhew appeared with Premier Shigeru Yoshida and Mr. Sadao Iguchi, the first Japanese ambassador to Canada.

"I see that you met Mr. Iguchi in Japan."

"Yes, I know him well. In fact, I saw him last night at the cocktail party of the Peruvian Embassy. He told me he is going to Toronto to-morrow (Oct. 17)," said Mr. Mayhew.

When asked about the one-time speculation that he might be appointed to the Senate, the fisheries minister adm[itt]ed that he has not been offered a senatorship.

"Even if I have been offered a seat in the Senate, I don't think I care to make several trips back and forth every year for life—from Victoria to Ottawa to attend sessions. I would rather be more active elsewhere," he smiled.

Mr. Mayhew has two children, a daughter and a son, while another son was killed in World War II. "I have eight grandchildren, too," he beamed, sniffingly, with his handkerchief still in his hand.

It was about 5:45 p.m. when I left Mr. Mayhew whose two secretaries, one a male and the other, a woman, were still in the outer office working. Since the cabinet minister was leaving within the next few days it seemed as though they were all going to work overtime that evening.

I was more than pleased with the interview and, above all, very appreciative that he had complied readily to a request for an interview when he seemed very busy the day after Prime Minister St. Laurent had announced his appointment. The interview lasted about 35 minutes and I began to feel a bit sorry for the kind, elderly cabinet minister who was carrying on his governmental duties despite the discomfort of a bad cold.

CANVASSERS' MEETING

The Toronto JCCA is holding a Canvassers Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 8 p.m., at the University Settlement House, on Grange and John Sts. All canvassers and other volunteers are requested to attend.

WINS IN SHELLCRAFT

VANCOUVER — One of the top ten Bronze Medal award winners at the Hobby Craft Show at the Canadian Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver this summer was David S. Matsuda. He won the award for his entry in shellcraft, "Swan Figurine".

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whole thing. I don't believe there are people who go about quitting smoking noiselessly.

My few absences from Lady Nicotine have made one thing crystal clear. I like smoking. Very much. Especially after a few Pine-racked days and nights of yearning for the soothing feel of cigarette between lips and then finally casting all firm resolve away, furtively sneaking back into her arms again. You feel somehow like a criminal but it's such a delicious feeling.

馬喰一代（四十）

中山正男

米太郎は暗い電燈の下で、こゝまでよんできたが――話がわかると何度もうなづく僻のある彼は、そばで寝ている妻と子の顔をじつとみつめながら首をふつていた。

大平を産んでから十年ぶりで姙ごつたハルノが、ひざい難産のすえに死んで産みおとした男の子正秀も、三十日たらずで母のあとをおつた。

ハルノが息をひきとるときにも――たゞ大平の養育だけをたのんでいつた。

「あんまり叱らないで下さい。あの子は學校がすきなんですから、それだけで親はよろこんでいなくては――子供はどんな親でも、親を手本にするものですから、賭博とハラバ馬喰だけは止て下さい」

と――米太郎の人生觀は、この時からすつかり變つてしまつた。馬喰商賣が賭博をやらぬ、喧嘩もせぬ、女も買わぬ、ハッパ馬喰もやらぬとなつては、この世界では呼吸ができぬといつてよいくらいであつた。しかし米太郎に、敢てその誓いをたてたのであつた。死んだ妻への約束よりも育つてゆく可愛い一人息子の教育のためだつた。

これからは、眼のきく馬喰で生きてゆくんだ――と良い牝馬を手にいれて――共進會や品評會に一、二等をとる仔馬を、一心に育てるようになつた。

後妻ミキをもらつたのも彼米太郎にとつては、たゞ不便だからというだけではなかつた。大平の教育のために、なんとかして學問のある女子を、後添えにしたいという願いからだつた。

人事消息

■結婚

▲トロントの岡崎信太郎氏息昌利君と同市の河野永太郎氏息女好子さんとは加藤勝太郎氏夫妻の世話で婚約中の處、九月二十七日市内カールトン合同教會でフインレー牧師司式結婚、好世界で披露し、フロリダ方面へ新婚旅行した

▲ビーシー州マグナベーの名畑拾藏氏夫妻息満氏とランビーの中居庄一郎氏夫妻息女和枝さんは中澤秀水氏夫妻の世話で十月十二日齋藤勝氏宅に於て生田開教使司式の下に結婚式を擧げ名畑氏宅で披露した

■電話變更

▲オークヴイルの内堀繁市氏電話はオークヴイル二〇となつた

■移轉

▲ウイニペッグの山崎惣太郎氏一家は次へ轉居した

331 Leighton Ave., East Kildonan, Man.

結婚御挨拶

名畑　満
中居　和枝

右両名儀中澤秀水氏御夫妻の媒妁により豫て婚約中の處拾月拾貳日隣接齊藤勝氏邸にて生田開教使司式の下に結婚式を擧行引續き自宅に於て些か披露宴を催しました際は御多忙中にも拘らず御臨席の榮を忝ふし新夫妻の門出を祝福被下且つ過分の御配慮と御丁重なる祝辭を賜り誠に難有厚く御禮申上げます。尚今後兩名に對し宜しく御指導ご御交誼を賜りたく甚略儀ながら紙上を以て御禮旁々御挨拶申上げます

マクナベー　名畑　拾藏
　　　　　　　　　ノウ
ランビー　中居庄一郎
　　　　　　　　美智子

結婚御挨拶

岡崎　昌利
河野　好子

右両名儀豫て加藤勝次郎氏御夫妻の御媒妁により婚約中の處九月二十七日カールトン合同教會にてフインレー牧師司式の下に結婚式を擧行引續き好世界に於て披露宴を催しました際は御多忙中にも拘らず御來臨の榮を忝うし且つ過分の御祝儀御祝品並に御丁重なる祝辭祝電を賜り有難く略儀紙上を以て厚く御禮申上ます尚今後共両名に對し倍舊の御指導と御交誼の程御願ひ申し上げます。

トロント　父　岡崎信太郎
同　父　河野永太郎

門主来市　佛教徒は感激にあふれる

既報の如く西本願寺門主大谷光照御夫妻は二十三日ニューヨークより空路モントリオル着。同市における日程を終えられ二十六日早暁、多数信徒の出迎をうけてマルトン空港着、直ちにホテル・ローヤル・ヨークに投宿された。同日午後二時よりイジョン・ホールで御親教とお裏方のおことばがあつたが参集約八百名の信者其他に多大の感銘を與えた。御夫妻は日白カメラマンのレンズにおさまり、インタビューを終えて歓迎晩餐會にのぞまれた。門主は十一月四日で四十一回の誕生を迎ねられるのでこの席上、誕生祝のプレゼントとケーキが日校生徒より贈呈された。當日の法要順序は次の通り

△司會新井壽太郎△讀經△讃佛歌△各佛教團体代表の燒香△御親教△門主よりト市佛教各團体へ袋状△お裏方のおことば△讃佛歌△説教宮崎乘雄師△挨拶重藤總長△讃佛歌△閉會

歓迎會も同所でサンドイッチ袋とコーヒーで川崎茂八氏司會、門主に御誕生記念品とケーキを贈り、各佛教團体並に市協代表の歓迎の辞で一式を終り式に移り和かなる集いであつた。佛教會では記念のため油繪を門主と宮崎師にそれぞれ一枚宛贈呈した。(一つは近藤壽伯の『オンタリオの秋』と題するもので門主に、もう一つは中村君の『カナダの田園』は宮崎師に贈つた)

ケーキにローソクを點火したのを門主にさゝげた。門主はにこやかな笑顔でこれをうけテーブルにおくと、フッとローソクの火を吹き消してナイフを入れるという光景に會衆は思わず拍手カッサイするという和やかな空氣をかもし出した。

解り易い門主の御親教

△御親教は約十五分、とくにカナダの佛教を弘めるには今後は英語によらねばならない英語はほとんど世界語であるから英語で佛法を教えることは佛教を世界にひろめることになるとて、二世、三世にもつかり佛念をうえつけて貰いたいと熱望されたが、門主の御親教はたやすい言葉でわかり易く、佛教の眞髄を説かれたもので感動を與えた。

△お裏方もハッキリした句調で海外にいる日系人の苦勢をねぎらわされ、佛の慈悲に生きる喜びを説かれるところがあつた。

△随行長宮崎師の説教は布教の大家だけに會衆を笑わせながら約一時間にわたり重藤總長は一世が海外における佛教の足場をつくつたのだから、こんごは二世、三世がこの上に殿堂を築かねばならない點を力説した

笑顔の門主　ケーキを切る

トロント佛教會ではできるだけ一人でも多くの人々が大谷門主一行の歓迎會に参加してもらいたいという意向の下にリジマン・ホールでサンドイッチとコーヒのご馳走で一行を中心のテーブルにおき、心からの歓迎をしたが、門主も裏方も随行の方々も何れも會衆と同様のご馳走、日校生が大きい長方形のバースデー・

五百名の集い　モントリオル

【モントリオル發】既報の如く廿四日當市佛教會及市協共同主催の大谷光照師一行の一般講演會は當市ジュイス・ホールに於て催され定刻より半時間おくれて八時半より汐見彥太郎氏の司會の下に渡邊佛教會々長より随行長宮崎乘雄師、末藤北米開教總長、東部佛教聯盟の辻開教使の紹介があり續いて大谷門主及び宮崎随行長、末藤北米開教總長の講演があつた。最後に當市佛教會代表浅妻氏の挨拶があり、閉會したのは十時過であつた。當夜は約五百に近い聴衆であつた。

●レーンコート　日曜日のトロント佛教會々合で男物レーンコートを間違えて持つて行つた人がある。違つた分は宮内熊吉氏が保管している。(電話エルエル〇七五八)

●荒川開教使　元晩香坡の日蓮宗教會開教使だつた荒川要博師はポートランドから昨年シカゴに移り同地に教會を開設したので今後は時々カナダ東部の布教にも從事する筈で先週はトロントに見えた。

リユマチ痛

リユマチ痛で永らく困つている人々によいニユース。數千人の人達がチー・アール・シーを使用して痛みを早治して居ります。もう鈍痛やひどい痛みに苦しむことはありませんテンプルトンのチー・アール・シーを今日試みて下さい。僅か六五仙と一弗三五仙(廣告)

帰敬式のすゝめ

このたび御門主さまの加奈陀巡錫にあたり、各佛教會で帰敬式(おかみそり)をしていただくことになりました。めつたにあへない儀式ですから一人ものこらずうけて下さい。

帰敬式は門主又は門主代理の方によりて佛弟子となるまことの心をあらはす尊い式ですからそのときお名號と法名を下さるので、この際門主さまおんみづからの帰敬式をうけられますようおすゝめします。

合掌

各地日程

△十一月[illegible]日　[illegible]ンバー
△十一月四日　ヴァーノン
△十一月十五日　カムループス
△十一月十六日　クローナ
△十一月廿二日　ステブストン
△十一月廿[illegible]日　バンクーバー

◎ビーシー州は右の通り御巡錫になりますから一番都合のよい所の佛教會に申し込んで下さい

人間本意の生き方

南米をまわって(一)

茂木政

南米は日本から見るとちょうど地球の反對側にある。南半球にあるから夏と冬は完全に日本とは逆である。東京で雨とカラッ風の二月は、リオデジャネイロでは、全市民がギラギラする夏の太陽の下を半裸體で踊り狂うカーニバルに當る。八月はブエノスアイレスで一年中最も冷たく、しめつぽい月であり八月を越えると、市民は『これで一年壽命がのびた』という。

日本と逆なのは、こうした地理的條件だけではない。何よりも人間が少ない。ヨーロッパ全部を合せたより廣いブラジルの人口は五千萬であるアマゾンの大密林はもとよりアルゼンチンの牧野にしても自然の大きさと人間の力の不足を、私はこうも痛切に感じたことはない。何がかくれているかわからない、いわば『可能性の大陸』とは南米のことであろう。日本へ歸って何が一番强く感ずるかときかれて私は『人間の多すぎることだ』と答えた。それは外國から歸ったたれもの最初の印象らしいが、南米から歸ると特に强い實感である。

一つには生活がのんびりしているせいもある。暮しが樂だという意味ではない。人間の生活態度と日常生活のふんいきが大へんのんびりしているということである。金持は金持なりに貧乏人は貧乏人なりに樂しんでいる。樂しみを犧牲にして、働いて他人にうち勝ってやろうという氣分は私の行ったどこにも見出せなかった。ものを買いに行っても特別愛想をよくするわけではなし、時には賣ってやるぞという顔をする店がある。レストランへ行って席へついても三十分くらい給仕の來ないことは珍らしくない。日本ならば即日生存競爭の劣敗者となること必定である。日本ならずとも、私が往き歸りによったニューヨークやサンフランシスコの米國の都會では大通りのまん中に人が大勢集まって、ツイ〜話をしている風景を見たことがない。ところがラテン・アメリカ人はまことにこの町の中の立話が好きである。對談の内容に商談、冗談、人生のあらゆるサ事に及び中でもフットボールと女の話が多いそうである。リオデジャネイロの某一流洋服店のおやじは私を三十分間待たせて、客と手ぶり身まねをまじえて話しこんでいたが後で聞くと日本の柔道家とブラジル人の試合の批評をやっていたんだそうである。時間を約束することはムダである。約束するならば、何時ごろという方がよい。その『ごろ』は大体前後二時間くらいの幅を考えておく必要がある。一時間くらいおくれて來ても『待たせてわるかった』とも言わないかわりに、こっちが待たせてもおこらない。長い人生で、一分、二分のことで目に角立てて何の役に立つというのであろう。能率第一などということはラテン・アメリカ人にてんで相手にされない。こののんびりしたふんいきは、どこから生れるか。

私はどうも『人間本位』から來るように思う。ラテン・アメリカの會社ほど人間が幅をきかせているところはない。いかに制度や機械が發達してもこの社會ではやっぱり『人間』が一番ものをいうようにできている。政治的に見れば、おおよそラテン・アメリカの諸國は『非民主的』であり『獨裁的』である。ところが社會的に見れば、これほどデモクラシーの徹底した社會は、世界のどこにも見出せない。私はその一とう大きい原因をラテンアメリカの『人間本位』の生き方、考え方に歸している。その『人間本位』は同時に『個人尊重』の色彩が非常に强い。ラテン・アメリカ社會の人間關係の基本は、アミーゴ(友だち)から織り成されている。日常生活も政治も商談も、大体このアミーゴを中心にして動く。個人にとって、他の個人の價値をきめる標準は何よりも『シンパチイコ』(魅力がある)かどうかである。シンパテイコとお互いに思えば、アミーゴが成り立ち、一たびアミーゴとなれば、どんな無能な男でも極力引き立てるし、少々損をしても、その男に商賣を回すということになる。こういうアミーゴ關係から情實政治が生れ、非能率的な經濟が生れることはたしかだが一方またラテン・アメリカ社會の人間的な温さも、そこから生れて來る。この非合理性と人間本意とは、同じアメリカでも北米とは全く逆である(筆者は朝日新聞の前中南米特派員)

雑録 秋なれば—(十)

梅月生

なごやかさ

お經はむづかしくて解らないが、悠長でなごやかである。無我の境といったような氣持に誘い入れられ、ただ有難いの一念にしばしひたる。凡夫たることを自覺してへりくだり、感恩報謝の念から、わざとらしさのない、純眞な童顔にも似た喜びの笑みを見るのは、何かしら溫かさを感じさせられる。同じ敬愛と親和でも、形式的なのと、自然にあふれ出るものとでは、大きな違いがある。こんなふんい氣をつくり出すものが、今の世には殊に必要であろう。

金々々の、物慾とスピードで人間の生命が粗末にされている今の時代は不幸である。『近頃教會で居眠りをする者が殆どないそうだ』と米國の雜誌に出ていたと、アイさんが電車の中で話してくれた。トロント市協の資金募集運動の準備で、三週間ばかり毎晩夜業をしている二世委員の一人であるアイさんと乘り合わして、あなたは電車に一時間も乘るのでは大變ね、いや、慣れてしまえば何んでもないですよ、朝は日なた側にかけて本が讀めるし、夜は居眠りもできますから、というようなことを話し合った時のことである。

教會で居眠り云々は、何も教會や牧師をけなす意味ではない。近頃は、教會でも居眠りするものがないというのは、世相の一端を諷刺しての言葉なのである。このころは、それほどに世の中が險相になってきて、人々の氣が張りつめているので、天國に行った夢もやすやすとは見られないというわけなのである。意識すると否とを問わず、神經過敏症になっていて、不安なのだ。戰爭の脅威という怪物に取りつかれているのだ。

平和と協力の世界の實現は誰もが念願しているところである。その一つの方法は、眞意を披瀝し合い、互に理解につとめることである。その運動は色々な形で進んでいる。大谷門主のカナダ來訪にも、こうした意義があると思う。

●映畫 十月三十一日(金)午後八時から西クイン街合同教會三階で淸水牧師が寫して來た米加の天然色映畫が上映される。一時間半から二時間かかるもので無料。

●トロント佛教會十一月の祥月法要は二日(日)午後二時からリジョンホールで營む。

『ロッキーの誘惑』—

有賀千代吉氏著

太平洋戰開始と同時にインターニーとして收容された三十八人組の一人有賀千代吉氏はタシメより交換船で歸國、戰後は東京の市立小學校にあって專ら子女の教育に盡瘁しているが、此度氏の拘引から移民館、インターンメント・キャンプ引いてタシメからシンガポールに至るまでの生活を鮮かに表した涙の記録が『ロッキーの誘惑』という二百ページに及ぶ單行本として發刊された。これは有賀氏の熱烈なる教育事業に對する幾分かでも補助になればとの意により送附されたもので非賣であるが希望者は寄附として一弗と郵送の分にはスタンプ五仙同封左記に申込めば送本する。

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註——當方で品切の場合は日本に問合せ送本出來ない時はタイムを要するかも知れないが返金する。

資金募集員會合

トロント市協の運動資金募集準備は過去三週間にわたる二世委員その他の徹夜作業により完成したので十月三十日(木)午後八時からグレンビ街のユーバシテー・セツルメントで募集員の會合を開いて運動に着手することになった。募集運動協力者多數が進んで出席方が希望されている。

殆ど目標に達した ク市協資金募集

【モントリオル發】ケベック市協の資金募集運動の結果に一四六七弗五〇仙集まって目標額の千五百弗に大方達した。

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吉田内閣となつたが短命か
鳩山派の「非協力」で難航豫想さる

【東京發】吉田茂氏は二十四日の新國會に於て自由黨内閣の首班に再選された


吉田茂氏

吉田氏の首班引き續きはほとんど確定的だということは所報した通りであるが、二十四日の國會で吉田氏は内閣首班に再選されたと外電は報じている。これによつて鳩山氏は首相のイスを吉田氏と爭わぬことになつたことが明らかとなつたが、しかし政界消息筋では、鳩山氏は自由黨々主の野望を斷念したものではないと觀測している。それどころか、鳩山派は吉田内閣の運營を困難にする立場をとり、吉田内閣の命數は二、三ヵ月長くて四ヵ月と見て内閣總辭職を豫期しているとのことで何れにしても吉田内閣は短命だと見ている。吉田はまず首班の地位を確保したものの、自由黨一本化によつてのみ圓滑な政府を保ち得るものとして自由黨の全体的支持を必要としていることは明らかである。なぜなら衆院四六六議席中の二六二議席を得ている自由黨のうち八乃至十の自由代議士が離反すれば理論的に内閣失脚の原因となる危い過半數でしかないからである

米國は休戰を熱望
＝だが平和は安價ではない＝

【國連發】アチソン米國務長官は先週末の國連總會に於て、「米國は朝鮮戰爭の終止を熱望するものであるが、しかし平和は「名譽の値段」で購入することは出來ない」と約三時間にわたる演説を行つたがおわるや滿堂破れるような拍手カッサイを得た。とくに朝鮮戰爭の休戰交渉のガンである捕虜交換について、ソ連が第一次大戰後署名した十七ヵ條の條文を讀み上げたなかに捕虜を強制的に送還することに反對するという項にソ連がサインしていると指摘「なかなかよい主義である」と皮肉つた。またアイゼンハワー元帥も選擧演説で「もし大統領に選擧されたならば自分は名譽ある休戰成立のために自ら朝鮮に行くつもりだ」と述べたのに對しスチーヴンソン氏はア元帥のこの言明をとりあげ「休戰のカギを握つている者は朝鮮にいない。モスクワがそれを握つているのである」とやり返した

見通しつかぬ
大統領選擧大詰へ

米國世論調査によると米大統領選擧に關する最も新しい統計によると、共和黨のアイゼンハワー元帥と民主黨のスチーヴンソン兩氏の人氣は互角であることが報じられている。一週間以前にはア元帥がやゝ優勢であつた。ニューヨークタイムスの全米特派員の報告をまとめてみると、今のところ誰が大統領になる見込が多いかということは見通しがつかないほどの接戰だが、判明したところによるとア元帥に二六四、ス氏に一九四、未決定七三という結果を出している。

新木大使卒倒す

【桑港發】駐米新木榮吉（六二）大使は先週桑港日米協會歡迎會席上で卒倒したので南加方面の旅程は一應中止された。原因は疲勞にあると判明している。

十月十六日 早生みかんを初輸出

【日本特信】神奈川縣では昨年アメリカ加州向けに試驗的に輸出した早生温州みかん二百五十箱が好評を博したので本年も昨年より十日も早く十六日靜岡縣清水港から和歌山、愛媛、徳島の三縣と共に六千六百五十箱（積出總數は三萬八千六百三十二箱）をニッポンメルスク號で積出したが、この輸出は早生温州みかんの將來をトするテストケースとして縣農林部では注目している。

ソ連人六名の日本退去命ず

【東京發】日本政府は先週末六名のソ連人に對して日本を二ヶ月以内に退去することを命じた。この三名はプラウダ及びタスの特派員である。政府はこれらソ連人の日本居住の要請を拒否したもので、この他四十餘名のソ連代表團員も同様、日本退去を要求されることになるものと觀察される。

濃霧にかくれ 不正漁獲を捕う

【ナナイモ發】濃霧にかくれてコッソリと禁漁區に立ち入り漁獲する漁船をレーダーによつて發見するという新しい試みを領漁業省で行つた結果、十五隻のギルネット漁船が御用となつたと二十五日報じられた。不法就漁は主にメインランドやフレーザー河の漁船である
濃霧を幸に禁漁區に侵入、漁獲中を監視船がレーダーで發見したもので漁夫は何れも有罪となつた。なおチャム・サモン漁況はあまり芳しくないとのことであるが、閉漁期十一月七日頃までには次第に好漁となろうといわれる

平均年收二—三千弗
カナダで三人家族が一番多い

【オタワ發】平均的にみると一般カナダ人の家庭は一家族三人で年收入は二千弗から三千弗ということになつている。この收入のうち、一弗を△食糧に三十二仙△住宅に十五仙△衣服に十一仙△家庭運營費に十七仙△その他二十五仙という割合に使つているという統計が出されており、毎一弗の支出に對し四仙が自動車費に充てられている。一九四八年と一九四九年にわたるオタワ政府の調査によつて大抵のファミリーは二人から六人程度、平均して一家族三人となり、年收入も千六百五十弗から四千五百五十弗止りが一番多いので平均年收入は二千弗乃至三千弗というところである

原爆作るのはご免

【東京發】日本理化學會は先週末、原子力に關する政府委員會設置の提案を一蹴した。理由は日本政府は原子力を平和的な方面のみに使用することに信頼がおけないとした

日野原に二年 西尾は執行猶豫

【東京發】昭和電工の贈賄事件で五千六百万弗を横領した實業家日野原節三氏は二十七日二ヵ年の懲役を言渡された。元社黨副黨首西尾末弘氏は懲役一ヵ年、執行猶豫三年の刑をうけ、その他二十名の被告もそれぞれ輕刑に處せられた。

はなし

英國のサンデー畫報の一讀者が投書して曰く「われわれの女性に性の深い神秘を教えるかわりに、柔道を教えるべきである」と英國チーン●エーヂ娘のパンパン反對を主張している

△北部日本では微震が八十五回も連續して人々は山中に逃げ込んだということだ。損害はなかつた模様だがコワイ地震の國ではある。

永井荷風ら
文化勲章決る

【東京發】日本政府は十一月三日の「文化の日」に授與される第十一回文化勲章受賞者七名の名前を先週發表した。次の顔ぶれである。

▲自然科學の部 熊谷岱藏（七二）學士院會員、東北大學名譽教授、醫學博士 朝永振一郎氏（四六）東京教育大學教授、原子物理學 理學博士

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米兵の佛僧
叛逆罪に問わる

【ニューヨーク發】目下當市で元米陸軍曹長が佛僧に變身して叛逆罪を犯したという珍奇な裁判が進行中である。被告はジョン・デビッド・プロボー（三六）でもし有罪となれば死刑にまでなる重罪である。プロボーは十年前比島でコレヒドアで捕虜となつたのち、日本語を話し佛教を研究したことがあるので頭髪を切つて丸坊主となり、黒衣をまとう僧侶となつて米軍捕虜を日本軍の暴力の前にさらした事實が判明した結果裁判となつたものであるが殺人が日本、滿洲、朝

井口大使華府へ

既報の通り、日本外務省では來る十一月中旬ワシントンの日本大使館で北米公館長會議を開催することに決定、井口大使、安川領事が出席する

SOCIAL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

1—Toronto. Metropolitan Nisei Young People's Halloween Masquerade Dance, at West End YMCA, 8:30 p.m.

7—Toronto. U. of Toronto Nisei Students Club Annual Fall Dance, at UNF Hall, 8:30 to 12:45 p.m.

8—Hamilton. Hamilton Nisei Basketball League Dance, at Gould's Auditorium, 8-12 p.m.

9—Toronto. Toronto JCCA Ontario Oratorical Contest, at Canadian Legion Hall, 8 p.m.

14—Vancouver. Maria Stella Club Dance, at Hastings Auditorium.

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ACROSS MY MIND . . . By Jack Nakamoto

If I were an American I would vote next Tuesday for the Democratic presidential candidate, Adlai E. Stevenson, as the next president of the United States.

Eisenhower is a regular fellow as well as a hero who has won the hearts of many with his boyish smile; and, backed with a spectacular record of having had united armies and nations, he is a true internationalist who sincerely believes in giving utmost aid to impoverished countries abroad. This is all well and good, but what he fails to realize is an obligation toward Negroes in his own country. Whereas Stevenson has upheld civil rights even in the deep South where they believe in "keeping Negroes in their place", Eisenhower holds somewhat weak views.

"Ebony", the influential American Negro monthly, departs from its traditional nonpartisanship to make an outright choice for Stevenson. It states that in 1948 Eisenhower testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee that Negroes are inferior and that the Army was justified in its Jim Crow practices.

On the other hand, Stevenson has spoken against racial discrimination and has fought FEPC (Fair Employment Practices Commission) in his home state of Illinois, losing in every legislative session because of Republican opposition.

Furthermore, Stevenson has recently voiced concern over Nisei job problems in the Los Angeles area, and has always been known to be sympathetic to the problems of Japanese Americans in Illinois.

Not only is it a violation of the basic principle of democracy, but it makes a mockery of democracy if America does not clean up its own backyard by granting those inalienable rights to its largest minority group which comprises about 15,000,000 Negroes. Only then can the United States continue to praise with a clear conscience the blessings of a democracy.

As a member of one minority group I feel that I should make a stand on an issue of civil rights affecting another minority group.

24 Bowlers Better 700 In One Night In Major Bowling; Takeda's Still Lead

The way to stay on top is to keep winning. And that's exactly what Takeda Insurance is doing in the Toronto Nisei Major Bowling League.

In six weeks of bowling, they've only conceded two points to the opposition and by this token they've continued to rule. Last week, they drubbed Wasser's 7-0. Yamada Studio, one of the chief threats to Takeda supremacy, was the only team to keep pace as they did likewise to Lewis Men's Wear.

Other games resulted in: Urabe 5, Du-Rite 2; Stan Karn 5, Alexander 2; Lowe Bros. 5, Sora 2; Uyeda M. B. 5, Spadina 2; Ascot 5, Radio Vision 2; Menzies 4, El Mocambo 3.

Led by Johnny Amemori's 870 (302), 24 trundlers in all, turned in 700 or better games, a good record for one night. Those posting high scores were: S. Ono 855 (330), M. Baba 842 (307), G. Ide 771 (308), T. Hayashida 768, B. Tanaka 766, E. Nakamura 764, Terry Fujioka 762, S. Taguchi 756, H. Hatanaka 739, K. Ise 739 (315), Tosh Fujioka 736, M. Nishimura 733, M. Mori 729, H. Honkawa 727, H. Matsumoto 723, G. Fukusaka 721, M. Nishikawa 721, J. Nishizaki 718, J. Takeda 714, T. Kataoka 709, T. Tanabe 706, K. Nagasaka 703 and K. Hayashi 702.

Shirai vs. Marino Bout on Nov. 16

HONOLULU — Flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan will take on Dado Marino in a return title fight at Tokyo's Korakuen Stadium, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 16, promoter Ralph Yempuku announced. Shirai won the world title from Marino in a 15-round decision in Tokyo on May 19.

Wally Yonamine Top Hitter in 'World Series'

TOKYO — Wally Yonamine of Honolulu and leadoff man for the Japan professional baseball champions, Yomiuri Giants, ended up as the leading hitter of the Japan "World Series" and received a bicycle and a camera for it.

Yonamine in 24 trips to the plate banged out 10 hits for an average of .417.

His teammate and backstop, Jun Hirota, erstwhile University of Hawaii catcher and gridiron star, finished second with a .353 average, the result of six hits out of 17 trips.

Both Honolulu stars were highly rated by sports critics here for their performances during the season and in the "World Series."

The Giants had won over the Nankai Hawks four games to two.

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APPLICATION FORM

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Name of Contestant

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Topic of Speech (if decided)

Date Signature

RULES:

1. Those eligible must be (a) 25 yrs. of age or under (b) a resident of Ontario.
2. Time Limit: 10 minutes
3. Topic: Open
4. All entries to be sent to Toronto Oratorical Contest, c/o Rebecca Arima, 65 Sullivan St., Toronto.
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By CINDERELLA

A SNOWFALL IN THE CITY . . .

To go to bed, knowing without glancing out that my view of the world is a row of brick buildings of unceasing, monotonous sameness, and to open my eyes to find that same drabness transformed overnight into a vision of loveliness, makes me put up with city living. A snowfall in the city to me is like meeting up with an old friend when I most need him.

With a snowfall the face of the city changes. The harsh outlines which yesterday irked my city-tired mind, give way to gentler, rounded contours. The old brick buildings have an added dignity. The few bare trees which dare spread their cramped branches between the building have lost that gaunt, desolate look, and stand like objects of fine, blown glass dreamed up by some master craftsman overnight. The narrow back lanes are no longer eye sores, piled with refuse, but white lanes of untrammelled snow with snowdrifts piled high like marshmallow mounds in a fairy-tale candy town of one's childhood.

And even the voice of the city changes. The irritating sounds of horns, trams and motors are muffled and distant. The old sewerage systems which, through the rainy fall, ran noisily to the sea, seem now to sing a more muted song, subdued to an imperceptible trickle by the numerous sound of overpowering silence. For silence has its own special sounds, which only a snowfall will bring home to you.

And in this new world of enchantment and silence I find material for imagination and contemplation. There are always sudden moments which pluck at my imagination . . . the way the wind blows the powdered snow from the doorstep . . . the way a tired old tree will buck a snowstorm, like King Lear going down to defeat with dignity . . . a bit of purity caught by the sunlight passing through a stained glass window of a church.

* * *

Sudden visions of life caught at moments of stress . . . have you ever watched a single lamplight on a deserted street corner on a snowy night? To me, there is about such a scene, an element of drama . . . one streetlight spotlighting a dark night with an arc of macabre brightness, with snowflakes whirling in the full glare like frenzied moths. And out of the outer silence comes the slim figure of a girl, shoulders hunched, coat wrapped round her tightly. She pauses under the light, looks nervously up and down, then turns and is gone . . . leaving only the pinpoint imprint of high heels without rubbers and the memory of a sharply-chiselled profile imprinted in my mind.

But for me there is a greater need for walking in the snow. It is my way of keeping the mind receptive, the heart open.

A sudden discovery of an expanse of trackless snow in the heart of the city . . . and I see remembered expanses of open field in early childhood, where the only tracks on newly-fallen snow were those made by a dog or a winter robin or an early skier. And my mind goes back to half-remembered things . . . the small child I once was, thinking that this panorama was going to be mine forever, believing that this was the best place in the whole world to live in—this wide expanse of land bound in by familiar hedgerows or poplars—little dreaming that life has a way of bringing upheavels. And there is nostalgia for the things I once possessed—not the painful moments of growing up, of bucking restrictions, of torturing indecisions—but happy, sure things like knowing how good were fresh carrots just pulled out of the soil, how sweet were wild filberts taken from the tree in the left corner of a neighbor's pasture, how bursting with sweet crunchiness were the autumn apples. And there is regret too, for the loss of belief. How surely we believed—youngsters making magic words out of nothing but imagination—that life was long and sunny and for ever. I have need for remembering these things.

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A row of city trees, their icicle-encrusted branches glistening under colored neon lights, will suddenly transport me three thousand miles. And I can see as clearly as the night it happened, a wise friend looking deep into my rebellious eyes, and I can hear his half-humorous, half-gentle reproach: "Look at the stars, Cindy. You haven't seen them yet, have you, because you've been messing about in the mud underfoot." Not a picturesque speech, but a revealing one. He had lived with nature, battled with the elements, and he knew that fret and turmoil eventually pass away. I am standing in snow drifts, in the shadows of western fir, snow-laden and glistening in the moonlight, their pungent perfume seeping through me, while his fingers [illegible] friendly stars, eternal stars, beckoning stars [illegible] stars will shine as brightly as those stars [illegible] winter night. And I remember [illegible]

[illegible] is an occasion I never miss. [illegible] journey into the past, a [illegible] and fresh perspective for city living. [illegible]

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Deadline Oct. 31 For Oratorical

Final date for entries to the Toronto JCCA's Ontario-wide Oratorical Contest is this Friday, Oct. 31. All entries must be postmarked not later than this date and mailed to the Toronto JCCA Oratorical Contest, c-o Rebecca Arima, 65 Sullivan St., Toronto.

Persons eligible to enter the contest which offers a total of $200 in cash awards are anyone residing in Ontario and under 20 years of age. The subject material is unrestricted but is limited to ten minutes.

Features to be judged include content, organization, poise, gesticulation, voice, and general impression.

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VAN. CLUB PLANS ACTIVE SEASON

VANCOUVER — The Maria Stella Club has practically become the most active JC club in Canada since Johnny Fujisawa took over presidency of the Catholic group.

Badminton is slated to start on Nov. 7 for the first time since the war, at St. Augustine School gym, 8th Ave. and Arbutus, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Over 30 persons are prepping for the season. Fees are $6 for members, $4 for nonmembers and can be paid in instalments.

On Nov. 14 the club is sponsoring the Annual Fall Frolic at Hastings Auditorium, from 9 to 1 a.m. with Max Budden's 12-piece orchestra supplying the music. Advance tickets are selling at $1.25 for males, $1.00 for females. Dress is to be informal.

Catholic religion discussion groups are also being formed. Those interested in taking part are asked to contact Fujisawa at CHerry 1155. All JC's are asked to support the Catholic Sisters' Bazaar on Nov. 6-7 at St. Paul's Hall.

The Club has also slated an ice-skating party for Dec. 6 at the Vancouver Forum, 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is 65 cents and all are welcome. Skates may be rented at 35 cents. — G. O.

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Kent JCCA Dance Opens Fall Season

CHATHAM, Ont. — On the 8th of October, the Kent JCCA opened its fall season with a dance which was well represented by Kent and its surrounding districts of London, Windsor, and Sarnia.

A backdrop of cornstalks and black and orange streamers furnished the appropriate fall mood. Prizes were awarded to the winners in the various novelty dances. Refreshments rounded out a very successful evening which was emceed by Murray Kayahara.

The appreciation of the Club is extended to all members who willingly gave of their time and effort in the preparation of this event, and also to all the out-of-town guests who attended to help make this Dance one of the very best. An open invitation is extended to these neighbours to attend further social gatherings which the Kent Club will be holding from time to time.

The next event on the Social Calendar of the Kent JCCA is the Sadie Hawkins Box Social to be held on Nov. 22. Outsiders are welcome, and the girls are requested to bring a box lunch. Further details will be made available in the near future.

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